

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 10 are cancelled without prejudice, and claim 8 is rewritten in independent form. Therefore claim 8 is pending and allowable, as all outstanding rejections have been overcome. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Although not believed necessary, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 11-0600. The Office is also invited to contact the undersigned at 212-425-7200 to discuss any matter regarding this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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